

Sept. 5, 1974 - Idre.

Dear Vicki and Jim,

We had five days at the cabin over Labor Day week - and as dad took Friday and Tuesday off. The weather was beautiful so I had the birthday dinner for Ruthie outside. Stella and Harold were up for one night. Saturday a forest fire started about five miles up from the cabin so all the people who were camping at Greenwater Park were evacuated. Helicopters fought the fire by lifting large drums of water from the river and dropping it down on the fire. They could open up the water by some device inside the helicopter. When dad and I left Tuesday we drove up there and the fire men were still there but it was down to just smoldering. All week - end our fishing was

was like 5th Avenue in New York.  
The motor bikes and campers and  
trailers were just every place.

Mary and Mike finally got a  
repossessed house in West Seattle.  
I am going to see it today. It is a  
small two bedroom house which  
cost 15,000 and the payments will  
be \$160 a month. It is completely  
re-decorated and new carpeting  
in all the rooms. Mary isn't too  
thrilled over it but it is better  
than an apartment and they plan  
to rent it out some time. It will  
be two or three months before they  
can move in.

I am having two couples over this  
Saturday night. Marty's husband, Thor  
doesn't play bridge so we will play  
his favorite game of shanghai which  
is a very stupid rummy game.

Mary feels fine but is anxious  
to have the baby. It should come  
any time now.

Love, Mom.